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¶1. (SBU) On May 22, Econoff joined Katsuya Ikkatai, Economic Counselor at the Japanese Embassy, and Berton Chiu, Director of the Economic Division of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Thailand, to deliver reftel demarche points on the joint U.S.-Japan-Korea-Chinese Taipei proposal at the upcoming Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) meetings on non-tariff barriers (NTB). As directed in reftel, Katsuya Ikkatai of the Japanese Embassy presented reftel points to Thananchon Rojkittikhun, Trade Officer in the Bureau of Goods Negotiations at the Ministry of Commerce, and sought Thailand's support on the joint proposal for increased transparency in export licensing. Mr. Ikkatai emphasized that the proposal only dealt with procedural obligations rather than substantive aspects of export licensing.

¶2. (SBU) Thananchon noted that the Ministry of Commerce would carefully review and consider the proposal prior to the NAMA NTB meetings on May 27-28. Thananchon stated he and his colleagues at the Ministry of Commerce will coordinate any decision with Thailand's mission in Geneva. He added that if the proposal moved forward, Thailand should be able to implement the procedural changes without difficulty. Thananchon promised to contact us prior to the NAMA NTB meetings with an official position on the proposal. We will forward any substantive response to USTR and EEB/TPP/MTAA.

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